# ORIGINS

Galaxies, Stars, Planets ... and Life.

# Education & Public Outreach

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## The Origins Education Forum



# October 2, 2000 debut as scheduled



Teachers using the NASA Space Science Education Resource Directory can easily locate and download materials for use in their classrooms.

# Developed in collaboration with other Forums, especially SECEF





Designed to be compatible with nationally recognized education resource databases:

- Dept. of Ed Gateway to Education Materials (GEM)
- Eisenhower National Clearing House (ENC)
- NASA Space Link
- Etc.







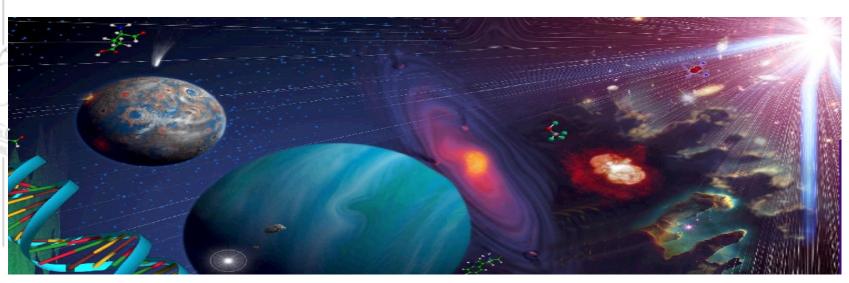
## Designed based on user feedback:

- Testing at large national teacher conferences
- Usability lab testing in Palo Alto, CA
- Focus groups
- On-line surveys





- Resources entered in the Resource Directory vetted for scientific accuracy by Forums
- Plans for 1<sup>st</sup> annual OSS external product review underway
  - Scientific and pedagogy review
  - Product "seal of approval" in SSERD
  - Based on Earth Science model
  - Space Science Education Resource Directory
- Currently testing enhanced product registry using 2 test resources from each Forum
- Developed comprehensive registry user's manual
- If needed, training workshop for Forum Directory Coordinators



## Future enhancements:

- Faster, easier to use product registry, May 2001
- User comments (ala Amazon.Com), October 2001
- Instant email alert of new products, October 2001
- "One stop shopping"
- New subjects
  - Life Sciences
  - Mathematics
  - Technology



## ORIGINS FORUM EVALUATION SERVICE

## Saving Time & Money by Doing It Right the First Time

- Any Origins mission may submit a product in development for a detailed review by experts on the Forum staff
- Evolved from the processes developed for reviewing HST materials
- To date, the service has been used by SIM, SIRTF, SOFIA, NAI, HST & FUSE



# MEETING SUPPORT Reaching Our Customers Where They Gather

- Supporting the Office of Space Science at key meetings such as
  - National Science Teachers Association
  - National Council of Teachers of Mathematics
  - American Association of Retired Persons
  - Association of Science-Technology Centers
  - AAAS
  - AAS
- Staffing booths, giving workshops, disseminating materials
- Minority University Initiative Workshop





## MAKING CONNECTIONS

- Examples of the Forum connecting people, missions, and institutions to foster collaborations and leveraged activities
  - Connecting FAME E/PO team with Space Place (network of small libraries)
  - Connecting the Origins Forum missions with Tom Levenson, who is creating a PBS series on the Origins theme
  - NAI producing a CD-ROM for this year's NSTA meeting, which contained PDF files from all of the missions
  - SOFIA & SIRTF collaborating with Montana State University on an Internet teacher training cours
  - Use of NASA OSS Data: an E/PO perspective
    - Paper presented by Terry Teays and Cassandra Runyon to the Space Studies Board National Academy of Sciences January 31, 2001









## Doing Stuff!

#### **FUSE**

#### http://fuse.pha.jhu.edu/outreach

Maryland Science Center Events

Lesson Plans

Teacher Workshops & Internships

#### **FAME**

### http://aa.usno.navy.mil/FAME/

Developed a comprehensive E/PO plan, which includes:

Curriculum support products

a master teacher program

small planetarium program

workshops at science & education conferences





#### **SIRTF**

http://sirtf.caltech.edu/SSC\_EPO.html

Video

Herschel Experiment

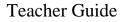
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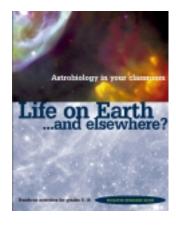
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## NAI, HST & SOFIA



http://nai.arc.nasa.gov/







**SIRTF & SOFIA** have partnered with MSU-Bozeman to develop on-line teacher's course in 'Origins Astronomy'



### **HST**

## http://hubble.stsci.edu/

SITES exhibit

ViewSpace

Heritage

HubbleSite

**Hubble Minute** 



#### **SOFIA**

### http://sofia.arc.nasa.gov/education/index.html

Continuing improvements to web site

Support UAL in-flight video and web site

Creation of on-board physical facilities for EPO

Planning for EPO during operations

## Navigator (Keck, SIM, StarLight, TPF, ISC)

#### Space Science for All Americans

Navigator Program develops focus on under represented groups.

Navigator Program (Keck Interferometer, StarLight, SIM, TPF) are developing educational plan focussed on minority students.

Navigator Team supported JPL's participation in LA's Better Educated Students for Tomorrow (LA BEST) initiative (sponsored by the major of Los Angeles).

Team supported Code S Minority Initiative Conference in Washington DC to build a working relationship with Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Tribal Colleges working with JPL Urban Outreach Programs.





Scenes from LABEST.

#### Keck Interferometer Reaches Technology Teachers

Space Place receives national recognition

Space Place curriculum supplement on nulling published in the International Technology Education (ITEA) Technology Teacher magazine in February 2001.

ITEA presented Space Place with its Presidential Citation at their national conference in recognition of the nulling and other contributions.

Space Place newspaper column is published in five major newspapers: (Los Angeles Times, Denver Post, Dallas-Fort Worth Star Telegram, Columbus Dispatch, and Hartford Courant.)



#### Michelson Fellowship Program

Supports young researchers in optical and infrared interferometry

#### Graduate Student Fellowships

David Berger Douglas Hope Alice Liu Yuan Liu Philip Higg Ben Lane Erin Sabatke Chad Ogden Rabecca Masteriani Georgia State University
University of New Medico
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
State University of New York
University of Arizona
California Institute of Technology
University of Arizona
Georgia State University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

#### Post-doctoral Fellowships

Jean-Philippe Berger Marc Kuchner Maciel Konacki Rafael Milan-Gabet Sam Ragland Philip Hinz Harvard-Smithsonian CIA
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#### Undergraduate Research

Interdisciplinary team of students at Harvey Mudd College.



#### Annual Summer School



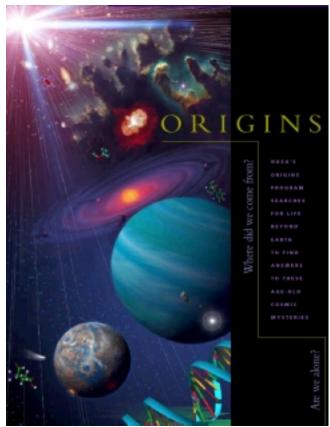


## **UPCOMING PROJECTS**

- Develop work package with PBS Origins producer Tom Levenson to define support from the Origins Forum
- Develop 'The Origins Story' brochure & Video

 Define Plans for an Origins travelling exhibit, possibly in collaboration with the PBS Origins program.





Origins forum members are partnering to

develop effective outreach that shares scientific knowledge of the universe in ways that inspire, excite, challenge and educate.